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SUBJECT: SAUDI REACTION TO JAPANESE STATEMENT

REF: A. TOKYO 15439; B. GENEVA 6323

SUMMARY: FOREIGN OFFICE DELETATION, INCLUDING AN EX-AMBASSADOR,
WERE NOT RPT NOT RECEIVED BY KING AFTER ISSUANCE OF JAPANESE
STATEMENT IN TOKYO. DELEGATION SAW MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN
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AFFAIRS SAQQAF AND DEPMIN PETROLEUM PRINCE SA'UD. VISIT OF

SUDANESE PRESIDENT NUMEIRE AND FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS

EVENTED AUDIENCE WITH KING. JAPANESE EMBASSY EVALUATES CHANCES FURTHER EASING OF OIL CUTS AS VERY SLIM AND SAYS FOREIGN MINISTRY DELEGATION (EXPECTED HERE SHORTLY) IS BEING SENT PRIMARILY TO RELIEVE DOMESTIC PRESSURE ON GOJ. END SUMMARY

1. JAPANESE EMBASSY HAS TOLD US THAT ATTEMPTS BY AMBASSADOR AND LOWER-LEVEL FOREIGN MINISTRY DELEGATION INCLUDING AN EX-AMBASSADOR TO SEE KING FAISAL FOLLOWING ISSUANCE OF ME POLICY STATEMENT IN TOKYO HAD BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL. VISIT OF SUDANESE PRESIDENT AND THREE FOREIGN MINISTERS FROM FRIENDLY COUNTRIES HAD PREVENTED JAPANESE APPOINTMENT. AMBASSADOR HWM SEEN MINSTATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS SAQQAF WHO WAS HIGHLY PLEASED WITH JAPANESE STATEMENT AND HE DID NOT RPT NOT MAKE ANY MENTION OF FURTHER DEMANDS NOR QUESTION CONTINUATION OF JAPANESE ISRAELI RELATIONS. AMBASSADOR HAD ALSO SEEN PRINCE SA'UD, DEPUTY MINISTER OF PETROLEUM IN ABSENCE OF YAMANI, AND CONVERSATIONS HAD GONE WELL BUT WITH NO RPT NO INDICATION THAT JAPANESE MIGHT BE CONSIDERED FOR RESTORATION TO SEPTEMBER LEVELS OR GIVEN TREATMENT EQUIVALENT TO THAT ACCORDED BRITAIN AND FRANCE. JAPANESE EMBASSY WAS DISAPPOINTED IN THIS REGARD.

2. JAPANESE EMBASSY WAS TOLD BY SAG OFFICIALS ONLY THAT JAPAN WOULD BE GIVEN SAME TREATMENT AS NON-PREFERRED STATES IN COMMON MARKET, E.E., 5-PERCENT CUT ON DEC. 1 WOULD NOT BE IMPOSED. NO MENTION MADE OF POSSIBLE DEFERRAN FURTHER CUT ON JANUARY 1, BUT JAPANESE EMBASSY EVALUATES CHANCES FOR FULL PREFERRED STATUS FOR GOJ AS VERY SLIM. EMBASSY CONFIRMED THAT HIGH-LEVEL FOREIGN OFFICE DELEGATION IS EXPECTED IN KINGDOM SHORTLY (REF. A) BUT THAT MISSION UNLIKELY TO CHANGE SAG MIND. SAG HAS SAID THAT JAPANESE MUST AWAIT ALL-ARAB DETERMINATION AND THAT SAG CANNOT MAKE DECISION PLACE JPAAN ON PREFERRED LIST BY ITSELF. EMBASSY SAYS NEW DELEGATION BEING SENT AS MEANS RELIEVING DOMESTIC PRESSURES ON GOJ.
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